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When Carol Hart was **captured** Wednesday by sheriff's deputies after walking away from a **Michigan** prison 38 years ago, there was little attempt to resist other than handing them a bogus driver's license.

Her reasons were surprisingly simple.

"I'm too old to fight, I'm **tired of running**," the convicted murderer told agents on the way to jail.

The Wexford County Sheriff's Office, working with U.S. Marshals agents, arrested the 61-year-old in Manton, Mich., the sixth **fugitive** from **Michigan** prisons to be recaptured since April.

Hart escaped from the Detroit House of Corrections Sept. 17, 1970, by walking out of the minimum-security prison, where she was sent after a conviction for robbery and murder. She was 23 at the time.

She was serving 25-35 years for a botched Genesee County robbery in 1969 with her boyfriend that ended in the fatal shooting of a World War II veteran, according to the U.S. Marshals Office.

Matt Batcheller, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Eastern District Office in Detroit, said Hart was living under another name and produced a driver's license identifying herself as "Carrie Lynn Fox" when authorities arrested her.

Hart was living in Manton with her husband since 2003. Batcheller said it's not clear if Hart's husband knew she was a **fugitive**. A phone call left at Hart's home was not returned Wednesday evening.

Authorities believe Hart fled to Florida with her children after the escape and started a new life using a fraudulent Social Security card.

She has lived in several other states since then, including Nevada and North Carolina, according to the U.S. Marshals Office.

By Wednesday evening, Hart was on her way to the Wayne County Jail, where she will be turned over to the **Michigan** Department of Corrections to serve out her original sentence and

face new charges for her escape, said Batcheller.

"Even after 38 years, the victim's family has finally been able to get some closure, at least as far as this **fugitive** is concerned," said U.S. Marshal Robert Grubbs.

Hart is the fifth **Michigan** female prisoner to be **captured** this year as a result of the Detroit **Fugitive** Apprehension Task Force:

- Susan Lefevre, a mom of three, was arrested in Del Mar, Calif. She had served one year of a 10- to 20-year sentence for a 1975 conviction for selling heroin to an undercover police officer.
- Barbara Corley, 59, who escaped in 1973 at age 24, was sentenced to 15 years for assault with intent to rob while armed and check fraud.
- Rebecca Hatcher, 57, who served 10 months of a 16-year assault charge before escaping in 1975, was picked up in August near Memphis, Tenn.
- Tamiko Smith, 56, picked up in Detroit in September, had served less than four months of a two-year maximum sentence when she escaped in 1972.

A sixth **fugitive**, Roger Crona, 61, formerly of Birmingham, was arrested near Santa Barbara, Calif., in February, after he had escaped from a prison camp near Jackson in 1972.

The Detroit House of Corrections, commonly called DeHoCo, demolished in the late 1980s and the prison was replaced by Robert Scott Correctional Facility, a more-secure correctional facility.

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